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AMENDMENT**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****AUG 07 2006****In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for producing a soluble composition containing isoflavones, comprising:

preparing, without a protease treatment and without addition of solubilizing agents, a soybean extract liquid that has a pH value adjusted to 5.5-7 and a temperature adjusted to 0-17°C, wherein the soybean extract liquid is obtained from a soybean material without a physical treatment, and the soybean material comprises soybean hypocotyls; and

removing insoluble materials from the soybean extract liquid.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein an amount of isoflavones is 0.2-20wt%, a crude protein content is 30wt% or less, and a lipid content is 4wt% or less in total solid content of the soybean extract liquid.

Claims 3-10 (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, after removing insoluble materials from the soybean extract liquid, further freeze-drying the soybean extract liquid to obtain a solid composition containing soluble isoflavones.